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6 Brigade Hq. 8 Battalion 15 Battalion 16 Battalion 7 Brigade Hq.	Quiha Mai. Ceu Debub Quiha Adigrat	
6 Battalion 18 Battalion 19 Battalion	Adowa Adigrat Uogoro (Gorgoro)	To move soon to Quoram.
8 Brigade Hq. 1 Battalion 4 Battalion 20 Battalion	Azozo Gorgoro Azozo Azozo	2 companies detached to Debarese.
3 Division Hq.	7.770 <b>i</b> -	
9 Brigade	Harrar '	
22 Battalion	Combolcia	Field battalion detachments at Dagemedo, Fich and Gabo.
31 Battalion	Harrar	Field battalion to be formed September 1948.
32 Battelion	Harrar	Garrison battalion.
10 Brigade Ho.	Giggiga	Formed September 1948.
9 Battalion	Giggiga.	Field battalion company at Gauasenie
12 Battalion	Dagabur	Garrison battalion
21 Battelion	Ducuno	Field battalion detachment at Imi under command of h Brigade. Detachment at Segug.
11 Brigade Ho.	Gabredarre	To be formed September 1948,
3 Battalion	Gabredarre	Garrison battalion.
5 Battalion	Uadare	Field battalion detachment at Gallidia
7 Battalion	Callafo	Field battalion detachment at Mastahil.
12 Brigade Hq. 33 Battalion 34 Battalion 35 Battalion	sale-material (Ano	To be formed September 1949.

2. The following information on the organization and strength of units of the Imperial Ethiopian Army was correct as of March 1948:

Unit	Strength			
	Officers	Other Ranks	Boys	
G.H.Q.	23	99		
I Division Hq.	15	l <sub>1</sub> 6		
Crown Prince's Body Guard	27	<b>580</b> .		
1 Brigade Hq.	5	17		
3 Battalion	18	410	18	
19 Battalion	21.	511	22	

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Unit	Strength Officers Other Ranks		Boys
2 Brigade Hq. 2 Battalion 11 Battalion 13 Battalion Reserve Battalion	149 214 214 149	17 552 320 481 363	26 78 15
3 Brigade Hq. 7 Battalion 9 Battalion 12 Battalion 21 Battalion 22 Battalion	4 25 24 28 31 27	56 1437 1438 506 513 611	22 14
4 Brigade Hq. 14 Battalion 23 Battalion 24 Battalion	5 32 30 29	32 586 457 491	10 9
2 Division Hq. 5 Brigade Hq. 5 Battalion 10 Battalion	19 8 35 34	83 21 625 618	23
6 Brigade Hq. 8 Battalion 15 Battalion 16 Battalion	3 24 30 27	39 598 621 621	21.
7 Brigade Hq. 6 Battalion 18 Battalion	). 28 39	11 <sub>4</sub> 631 660	23
8 Brigade Hq. 1 Battalion 4 Battalion 20 Battalion	16 19 20	21 599 51:7 591	6
Imperial Corps of Signallers Imperial Corps of Engineers Imperial Regiment of Artillery Imperial Army Service Corps M.T.C.T.S. (Motor Transport	28 27 25 24	260 759 456 415	106 60 46 5
Central Training School?) S.R.D. (?) Hailie Selassie 1 Military	4	82 114	24
Training College, Holleta	16	181	

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Unit	Strength		
<i>t</i>	Officers	Other Ranks	Boys
Imperial Army Medical Corps	יונד	105	
Imperial Army Ordnance Corps	11	131	6
Imperial Army Electrical and			•
Chemical Engineers	26	209	70
Imperial Army Military Police	2	64	• -
Imperial Army Details Company	L		
Imperial Army Band	2	81	
rotals	1,074	16,613	60lı

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Grand Total.....18,291 (all ranks)

Comment. The formation of 3 Division has resulted in resurrangement of the units, as shown in paragraph 1 above, but it is probable that the strength of the individual units remains much the same as is devailed in this paragraph.)

3. As of 7 October 1948 the following changes in organization and location of units were completed or in process:

The Imperial Army had decided to postpone the formation of 32 Garrison Battalion, 3 Division, at Harrar until September 1949.

In 2 Division, 6 Battalion and 10 Battalion are in the process of transfer, 6 Battalion going to Quoram, and 10 Battalion to Adowa.

In anticipation of tribal fighting over grazing and water rights in the Ogaden, the following moves will be effected: 9 Battalion to Harrar to join 5 Battalion and come under command of 11 Brigade. 10 Brigade Hq. at Giggiga to move to Dagabur. 31 Battalion at Harrar to move to Giggiga. When the transfer has been completed, 9 Brigade and 10 Brigade will have only 2 battalions each and 11 Brigade will have 4 battalions. All these are in 3 Division.

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